

Zebra Mussel News



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Zebra Mussel Tidbits...

Polymorpha, means "many forms." Zebra mussels come in many colors. Most are white or cream-colored with jagged brown or black stripes. However, some individual mussels have been found that are all-white, all-black, or have stripes going the other direction. Zebra mussels are members of the phylum Mollusca (mol-US-ka), or mollusks. Mollusca comes from the Latin word, mollis, meaning soft. Slugs, snails, octopuses, clams, and oysters are all mollusks.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/critter/>

One Week Until Treatment Begins!

EVAC Introduction begins on May 8 at 7:00 am. The feed will begin sometime prior to 8:00 am and will continue through the day and night until the next morning.

Hydrant Tagging

Today we plan to mark the hydrants with color coded plastic tape (aka flags). Different colors will mean different things the table that follows indicates what those colors are:

Green	Hydrants that are open and running May 8/9 during the EVAC Introduction Period
Blue	Hydrants that will be opened to obtain water samples during the EVAC Introduction Period
Yellow	Hydrants that will be opened during the Flushing Period

If you are or know a building manager in an area of one of these hydrants - especially those that will be tagged Green please inform them that we will need the area outside of the 2-1/2 inch port on the hydrant to be blocked off (i.e. No parking or obstructions during this period). This will assist us in opening and closing of the hydrant, obtaining samples and prevent cars and other objects from a constant spray of water.

Tagging of the hydrants should occur today and tomorrow.

Schedule

May 1 – Mark Hydrants (EVAC Intro and Flush)

May 3 – Clean Water Lab/Move test kits in

May 4 – Stage Equipment (Valves on EVAC Intro Hydrants)

May 5 – Verify all prep-work is completed

May 8 – Begin EVAC Intro (7:00-8:00 am)

Send updates to those on email listing

Perform EVAC presence and amine testing

Shift Change (7pm)

May 9 – Clean Up all equipment at Casey's Pond (7:00-8:00 am)

Meet at Site 38 OR (9 or 10 am)

Continue monitoring system for signs of early or unusual fouling.
Please notify us if you see unusual flow or anything of note with regard to the ICW system.

Pond Temperature

57.3 °F (as of 8:50 am)

If you do have questions contact:

Anne Lucietto x-8506 or long range pager 266-9369

Or

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Please let us know if you know of someone that should be included in the distribution of this information! Send their name/email address to Anne at lucietto@fnal.gov.